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JANUARY WEDDINGS.

AN UNUSUAL NUMBER FOR THIS CHILLY MONTH.

A Brilliant Wedding at Laurel—The Social Event of the Season—Mr. Elmer P. Horsey of Seaford and Miss Minnie Wolfe Wed—More of the Same Kind.

The present month will go on record for many things which give it peculiar distinction, and among others will be the unusually large number of weddings, for marriage bells have not ceased to ring out their merry tones since the New Year dawned.

One by one, the fair maidens are being won from the gay, social whirl in which they have been the happy leaders, from their homes of luxuriant ease and indulgence; and from their various vocations, to assume the higher and more responsible duties of wifehood. "For better, for worse," is the solemn vow which each one takes at the marriage altar, and many are the gentle, loving, trusting wives, who, with the men of their choice, enter upon the all untried sea of life with only Hymen at the helm. Homilies on conjugal bliss and wails of single woe are strangely mingled with the triumphant strains of the wedding march, while those who are "in the same boat" are wisely fearful and hopeful. But the joy bells ring on, and we trust merrily will run the years, many happy years for these January brides.

HORSEY-WOLFE.

Church Wedding at Laurel on Tuesday at High Noon.

Notwithstanding the mercury was down to 5° below zero, the interest in the wedding was undiminished, and this was one of unusual attraction, both parties being so well-known and general favorites. At 12:30 o'clock the bride party entered the handsome Methodist Episcopal Church, passing through floral gates that were swung open by two "tiny tots"—P. Nathaniel Smithers and Norris Pilchard.

As Miss Nettie Baker, of Seaford, at the organ, accompanied by Mr. Charley Robinson with violin, rendered Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," the four ushers, Mr. Harry Darbee, of Seaford, cousin of the groom; Mr. John Collins, of Laurel; Mr. William Flemming, of Clayton; and Mr. Fred Wallace, of Asbury Park, cousin of the bride, led the way to the altar; then came Miss Helen Wolfe, sister of the bride, maid of honor, in yellow gown, carrying Marchal Neil roses; Miss Julia Emery, of Chester, cousin of the groom; Miss Jessie Black, cousin of the bride, from Asbury Park, bridesmaids. Miss Emery in pink silk holding La France roses; Miss Black, in blue silk gown, white roses.

As these stood about the sacred place, the bride and groom took the central position and amid the low soft tones of the sweet organ playing, Rev. Mr. Pilchard, the officiating minister, performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, solemnizing the service and making it exceptionally serious and beautiful. As all eyes turned upon the scene the general expression was: "Never could there be fairer bride or more handsome groom." The bride wore a white Shanghai silk gown with embroidered chiffon trimming, long tulle veil wreathed and draped with orange blossoms, holding Nephrolepis roses; she was petite, graceful, winsome; indeed the groom in the conventional black suit, white tie and gloves. Just as the happy union was made the sun shone through the stained glass windows, shedding its radiance and calling to mind the sentiment, "Happy the bride, the sun shines on."

As the bride party turned away, Miss Baker played beautiful strains from Lohengrin, the party entered coaches and were driven to their own home, which had been so thoughtfully and beautifully prepared by the parents of the newly-wedded pair; a home, the gift of the bride's father, Dr. W. E. Wolfe, in exterior and interior all that heart could wish, with handsome furnishings, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Horsey, parents of the groom. A beautiful collection was served.

When the bride and groom had arrayed themselves for travelling, many friends accompanied them to the station to meet the 2:40 train to wish them bon voyage. They will spend a week in visiting various points, Philadelphia Atlantic City, New York and Washington.

Seldom has a couple started on the journey of life under more auspicious circumstances, and their many friends extend to them sincere congratulations, and wish that all joy and happiness may ever attend them. Presents, beautiful and useful, were lavished upon them. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome diamond brooch.

Among the guests in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. William F. Horsey, Miss Clara Darbee, Mrs. William Colburn, Miss Sue Darbee, Miss Annie Shipley, Miss Lily Wright, Mr. George Horsey, Mrs. Emma Martin, of Seaford, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fooks, Mrs. Barrett Smithers, Miss Mary Bacon, Mrs. Benjamin Fooks, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Horsey, of Laurel, Mrs. McFee, Georgetown; Miss Rose Comery, Millington; Miss Kate Pauley, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Colpitts, Clayton; Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Mrs.

Josephine Black, Asbury Park; Mr. Everett Hickman, Georgetown; Miss Addie Hazard, Middletown, Del.; Mrs. Gillmore, Weonona, N. J.

HADDADWAY-M'WHORTER.

A Quiet Home-Wedding at the McWhorter Mansion.

A beautiful quiet wedding was celebrated on Tuesday evening, at the residence of J. Frank McWhorter, the occasion being the marriage of his youngest daughter, Sarah Lynch McWhorter to Oliver Seymour Haddaway.

Near the hour of five o'clock the contracting parties appeared in the midst of the company present, and the Rev. N. M. Browne, with the beautiful and impressive ritual of the church pronounced the twin one, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Only a few friends besides the near relatives witnessed the ceremony. After which a repast was served. The bride was handsomely and becomingly attired in fawn colored gowns with pearl trimmings and carried a bouquet of bride roses.

Amid showers of rice and many good wishes, the happy couple were driven to the station and took the 6:18 train going north, and after the bridal trip will make their home in Baltimore, where Mr. Haddaway is in business. The young couple have our best wishes for a long and happy life.

A BACHELOR NO MORE.

Professor Griffin Joins the Army of Benedict.

The wedding of Miss Julia T. Cleaver and Mr. Hiram D. Griffin took place at 1 o'clock P. M. Wednesday, or rather a little later. The church was elaborately decorated with arches of box wood and cedar, while the pulpit was a mass of flowering plants and evergreens. A very pretty floral bell hung from the central arch with its lily clapper, and the whole fastened with white streamers. The windows were darkened and the church brilliantly lighted.

The approaching wedding party was announced by sweet strains of the wedding march. The ushers, Messrs. Brock Cleaver, Wm. G. Janvier, Frank Broyles and W. J. Willis, preceded the rest of the party, which consisted of two maids of honor, Misses Florence Hall and Lillie Harmer, and four bridesmaids, Misses Kate Cleaver and Sue L. Price, May Janvier and Ebbie Griffin. The ceremony by Rev. Jacob Weidman, was short and impressive, and performed with a ring. The bride's gown was white laced down the train, with a veil, and she carried white roses. Her maids wore white tulle, the whole effect was extremely pretty. The church being well filled with the many relatives and friends of the bride and groom, and a reception was held at the residence of Mr. Isaac S. Cleaver immediately after the ceremony. The presents were of great variety, all useful and beautiful, some of them very handsome.

Among those who were present from out of town, were Darrah Cleaver, Herbert Boyd, Harry Hall, of Philadelphia; Rufus Stewart, Wilmington; T. Dale Stewart, Dela. Pa.

The TRANSCRIPT extends congratulations.

A Chester town Wedding.

Mr. Albert S. Turner, of Philadelphia, and Miss Mamie Crew, daughter of Mr. B. F. Crew, were married at Union M. E. Church, Chester town, Wednesday evening. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents after the ceremony. Mrs. John P. Nicholson played the wedding march. The ushers were Mr. Harry Conaway, of Philadelphia; Mr. H. L. Crew, of Chester town and Messrs. Clarence and Charles Crew, brothers of the bride.

Social Notes.

John T. Denny and Miss Maggie B. Freeston, of near Leipzig were married on Wednesday last.

Auly Hill, of Blackbird, and Miss Kate E. Lockerman, of Leipzig, were married in Wilmington on Wednesday by Rev. J. D. C. Hanna.

Mrs. J. W. Denny entertained a number of friends at a "tea drinking" at her pretty home in Smyrna on Friday evening of last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clift was quietly married on Thursday afternoon to Mr. E. Wilbert Staats, in the M. E. Church at Sassafras, Md., by Rev. William Scheers of the Baltimore Conference.

Cards are out for the marriage of Chas. R. Maxwell, of Elkton, and Miss Annie E. Bryan, of Newark, Del., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Cample, in the latter place, on Wednesday evening, February 1st.

Mrs. Lydia A. Cotton has issued cards of invitation to the wedding of her daughter, Norah W. Cotton, and William Fletcher Brown, at her residence, in Smyrna, Wednesday evening February 1st, at 8 o'clock.

It is currently stated among the young folks, (no cards to be issued), that Mame Heitsch, another one of the ladies of the M. S. K., of Smyrna, and Henry W. Jefferson, of Memphis, Tennessee, formerly of Smyrna, will be married at her home on Wednesday, January 25th.

Abel J. Taylor, chief engineer of Smyrna's water works, was married to Miss Ella A. Riley, also of Smyrna, at 2228 East Allegheny avenue, Philadelphia, on Wednesday. Mr. Taylor is a brother of Mrs. William A. Humes, and at one time was engaged in business here. They will reside in Smyrna.

A "WINTER TEA."

Another Delightful Entertainment by Forest's Young Ladies.

Those who attended the delightful entertainment, styled an "Autumn Tea" in the pleasant parlors of Mrs. G. W. W. Naudin last fall, cannot but remember it with pleasure. The large parlors, handsomely lighted, the pretty little tables scattered about the rooms on which refreshments were served, the gay laughter of the guests, the enchanting music—all went to make up a scene that one cannot help wishing to see repeated. And it is to be repeated. The Young Ladies Mission Band of Forest Presbyterian Church, under whose direction the "Autumn Tea" was given, will entertain their friends at a "Winter Tea" at the same place on Thursday evening of next week, January 28. The object of these entertainments is to secure funds to furnish lights for the church. You'll miss a pleasant evening if you fail to attend.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Corinne Cochran is visiting Wilmington friends.

Rev. Frank Fletcher, of Townsend, was a visitor to town.

Miss Lizzie Caulk, of Sassafras, is visiting Mrs. V. L. Culbertson.

Mr. William Milfin has been spending this week with his family in town.

Dr. W. E. Barnard spent Sunday and Monday with friends at Still Pond, Md.

W. H. Voshell, whose reputation as a miller is second to none, was in town Thursday.

Miss Lillie McNamee, of North East, Md., is spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Griffith.

Rev. Aloysius Green, of Greenwood, was a caller at the TRANSCRIPT office yesterday.

Victor B. Wooley, of Wilmington, was among the guests of the M. S. C., on Thursday evening.

J. A. Asplir, one of Port Penn's prominent Republicans, dropped in to see us on Thursday.

Mr. Will Merriek, of Wilmington, attended the Haddaway-McWhorter wedding on Tuesday last.

A. I. Swan, the jovial auctioneer from Delaware City, gave the TRANSCRIPT a pleasant call this week.

Miss Emma Wilson, an affable young lady from Georgetown, is spending a few days with relatives near town.

David Hutchison was in town yesterday and says he intends giving up farming and will move to Townsend.

Miss Addie Hazard started on Saturday for Seaford, where she has spent this week visiting at her old home and at Laurel.

We regret to announce the serious illness of Editor Freeman, of the New Era, who is confined to his home with intermittent fever.

In honor of Miss Statton, her guest, Miss Sarah Brady entertained a number of young people in her rooms on Saturday evening last.

Will Metten, one of the most popular young men of Middletown, came down from Philadelphia on Thursday to attend the M. S. C. hop.

E. R. Cochran, Jr., was in Harrisburg, Pa. during the week, looking at the workings of the Republican Legislature of that State.

Rev. W. C. Alexander who came to town on Monday to attend the funeral of Miss Emma Burnham, spent a few days with his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maxwell returned home on Saturday last from Staten Island, New York, where Mr. M. had been looking after his business ventures.

Mrs. T. J. Boves of Philadelphia, made a short visit to Middletown friends this week and also to her brother, Mr. Cowgill T. Allston, near town.

The many friends of Frank Pool, of McDonough, will regret to learn that he is confined to his bed from a serious attack of catarrh of the stomach. We trust it may be but of brief duration, and that he will be among us soon again.

It is rumored that the Ex-Levy Court Commissioner from Blackbird hundred, will soon lead a charming Philadelphia lady to the altar. At least it is said that the house is furnished and Bob is getting himself accustomed to a settled life.

Dying From Want of Food. Kind-hearted farmers should not forget their friends the birds at this season of pinching cold. The dispatches state that the partridges and other feathered creatures which linger hereabouts during the winter are perishing in large numbers, not so much from the extreme temperature as from want of food.

IFlags at Half Mast. On account of the funeral of ex-President Hayes, the flags at the post office and other public buildings in town were at half mast yesterday.

M. S. C. SOCIAL.

THE SECOND OF THE SERIES A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

The TRANSCRIPT's Advice as to Decollete Costumes Followed by many of the Charming Young Ladies Present—A List of the Guests and How They Were Attired.

To say that the second hop of the series given by the Middletown Social Club was a success, is but mildly giving the boys credit for one of the best entertainments that we have have yet witnessed in the hall.

The music was fine, the ladies handsome, and the dancing—well might it be called "the poetry of motion."

The programme was composed of such dances, as all enjoy, and enjoy it they did.

The music furnished by the orchestra was made up of some of the very latest and most popular airs, while at the same time, those favorites of yesteryear, such as "Annie Laurie," and even that old Quaker song, "What a good world this would be," blended so harmoniously with the more later airs that it carried the TRANSCRIPT man back to those days of the long ago when he was as young as the youngest in that gay assemblage. And when the orchestra would strike such popular airs as the "Bower," and those just referred to, the merry dancers would keep time with their feet, would take up the inspiring strains and make the old hall ring with their happy voices.

The company in attendance was a large one and was conspicuous for the number of strangers that were present from our sister towns.

The ladies looked fine, and it was gratifying to the TRANSCRIPT man to notice that many of those present had taken the advice given in this couplet: "And if you would copy the swells of the day And rank as a modest young maiden: I pray You will not wear your garments en decollete, For they never do that in society."

There was a marked absence of these costumes, and it did not detract one iota from the handsome dresses that were worn on this occasion. And we may also add that neither did it detract from the beauty of the ladies.

Many such events has it been our pleasure to attend, and without meaning to flatter our society bells—for such we could not do—we must give them credit for being the most graceful set of dancers that we ever gazed upon. This is one point at least in which the Peninsula excels.

But while we are thus speaking of our young ladies, there are several of our young men who also know how to dance.

And dance they did, and took very good care of the young ladies who came from a distance, and none can say that they did not enjoy this event of the Middletown Social Club.

Maryland was well represented by handsome young ladies and gallant young men, among whom were noticed the Misses Helms, Kate and Jennie, the former attired in blue cashmere with velvet trimmings, and the latter in a becoming costume of light texture, Miss Currie Brady, of Chesapeake City, black net with violet trimmings; Miss Elsie Conrey, Chesapeake City, yellow china silk; Miss Mary Ellison, Chesapeake City, white silk; Miss May Farrell, white tulle, blue trimmings; Miss Emma Wilson, lavender silk; Miss Katie McNamee, white henrietta; Miss Martha Lockwood, blue albino; Miss Nellie Cochran, gray and red henrietta; Miss Agnes Lockwood, red cashmere; Miss Bessie Clift, white silk and green trimmings; Miss Jeanette Ford, lavender; Mrs. Herman Massey, white silk. Then there was Miss Alice Clark from Delaware City, in handsome figured china silk; Miss Florence Hall, Port Penn, white tulle with pink trimmings; Miss Elsie Karsner, Chesapeake City, black net with orange trimmings; Miss Lillie Harmer, of Philadelphia, white tulle; Miss May Holten, lavender silk; Mrs. J. B. Maxwell, black net; Miss Mabelle Parvis, white surah; Miss Edith Reynolds, red henrietta; Miss Lydia Cochran, pink cashmere; Mrs. Jacob Cochran, white albino; Mrs. Frank Pennington, lavender henrietta with black net; Mrs. George Janvier, lavender laced down, black lace trimming; Mrs. E. Watkins, blue china silk; Miss May Cochran, white swiss; Miss Hattie Jones, pink and white silk; Miss Helen Naudin, yellow crepe; Miss Fannie Derrickson, green crepe; Miss Edith Derrickson, blue crepe; Miss Viola Ennis, red China silk; Miss May Clayton, red China silk; Miss Della Clayton, cream satin; Mrs. A. M. Brown, black silk; Miss Bessie Reynolds, white China silk.

The gentlemen present were Dr. Charles Gilpin and Mr. L. Wicks, Chester town; David Davis, Harry Hall, David Brown, Will Metten, A. H. Seaman and C. B. Holton, Philadelphia; Boyd Cleaver, Port Penn; Denny, Port Brown, J. C. Beck, L. O. Willers, Smyrna; Frank Strickland, Clayton; Victor Wooley, S. Frame and Will Denny, Wilmington; John C. Kelley, Will Lockwood, Culbertson Green, Fred Crouch, Allen McDowell, Clarence Clayton, Dr. T. H. Gilpin, John Rothwell, Frank Pennington, W. R. Reynolds, A. M. Brown, J. B. Maxwell, Robert Cochran, Douglas Cochran, Dr. Harry Clayton.

The belle of the ball was a handsome brunette, dark hair, fair skin; regular, well-defined features; heavy dark eye lashes that drooped over a bewitching pair of dark eyes; winsome ways; a figure that Ada Rehan might envy.

RETIRED ON PENSIONS.

JUDGES HOUSTON AND COMEGYS TO VACATE THE BENCH.

A Joint Caucus Decides the Judiciary Question and A Bill Will Be Passed Pensioning Them for Life on a Salary of \$2000—Gray Elected Senator.

DOVER, Jan. 20. Our legislators put a little more life into things at the Capitol this week, and did actually accomplish something. Of course "Blue Monday" affected many, but in the evening our Democratic members got together in caucus, and following the programme mapped out early last fall, considered Senator Gray's nomination. There was some little kicking no doubt, for many of the members were averse to having the Senator succeed himself; but as payment for the work done during the past campaign he had demanded before hand this boon, it was impolitic at this time to kick over the traces.

Bayard stock has fallen way below par, and he has sunk into that political grave from which he will never arise, unless it be to do some more of that class of work that wrecked his hopes last fall.

There is no doubt that the Bayard-Gray faction is in the minority in the present Legislature of this State, and had it not been for the pledges exacted before the November election, Delaware would have been represented in the United States Senate by a man who to-day stands pre-eminently the master of the situation at Dover—Willard Saulsbury, Jr.—and not by Senator George Gray.

Notwithstanding the fact Mr. Saulsbury took a prominent part in the caucus that nominated Senator Gray, the facts as above stated remain undisturbed, for no honorable man could have done otherwise than did Mr. Saulsbury. The "abortive effort," as it is styled, to show the factionalism existing in the organization of the Legislature, was well founded, and all who gave the subject any consideration, agree with what I said in the TRANSCRIPT last week.

Speakers Houston and Whiteman seem to have given considerable attention to the selection of their committees, and the former recognized the ability and integrity of Senator Pilling when he made him chairman of the Finance Committee, and a member of several other prominent committees. It is a sagacious act of courtesy on the part of the Speaker to that gentleman. Senator Pilling is a man of vast legislative knowledge, and will be in a position to render the State valuable service.

Speaker Whiteman naturally does not place much value on the Bayard stock, we were to judge from the appointments he has made. There is Watkins and Whitlock who are among the Ex-Secretary's cohorts from this section. The former is given the chairmanship of the committee on private corporations, while the latter presides over that of Temperance. Truly they ought to make shining marks in our Legislative body.

The urgent need of a bill to remedy the judiciary troubles now existing in this State, was forcibly brought before the Legislature this week by delegations from the members of the bar of the three counties, and will undoubtedly have the desired effect of affecting a means whereby the wheels of justice will not be clogged in the future.

A joint executive caucus of both Houses have decided that Chief Comegys and Associate Justice Houston shall be retired on a pension of \$2,000 a year, this sum to be paid them as long as they live, and to go into effect 15 days after the passage of the act. The Chief Justice is in his 80th year, and his enfeebled condition makes it impossible for him to attend to his duties, while Judge Houston is only a year younger, and also in enfeebled health.

The question of their successors will now be a source of conjecture, but it is to be hoped that Governor Reynolds will act upon the suggestions of the members of the bar of the different counties, and select men for their real worth and not for partisan reasons.

The minority party in the Senate are being heard from.

The TRANSCRIPT is eagerly sought after by members of the House.

The Clayton House is the headquarters for St. George's Hundred people, who have iron in the fire.

Senator Pilling's amendment to the State Constitution has been ratified by the unanimous vote of the House.

There are several new electric railroad bills before the House, and it is understood that several more are being framed.

Advertisements.

List of unclaimed letters at the Post Office, Middletown, Delaware, which can be had by saying they are advertised: Miss Jennie Brice, Miss Jane Cartney, J. P. M. (2), Edward Rhoads, J. A. M. Reynolds, Miss Amanda Sluer, Miss Agnes Smith, Mrs. Agost Smith, Dr. J. M. Wilkinson, (3), Miss Sally Wright, L. H. Whiteker.

Beautifying the Parsonage.

Already the paper-hangers are at work repairing the M. E. Parsonage, and in a very short time the whole interior of the first floor will be beautifully transformed, by paper, paint and new furnishings.

Another in the Field.

Ex-Levy courtman Hutchison has taken up the business of auctioneering, and announces his services in the TRANSCRIPT to-day. We are assured he will succeed, if push and close application to business count for anything.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

Shall Our Town Own an Electric Light Plant or Not?

Messrs. Editors:—On the 18th day of February next the taxables of our town will be given the opportunity to vote yes or nay on the above question; as a citizen and taxpayer, I am, with others, greatly interested in this question, yet in common with the great majority of our voters, in some doubt as to which is the best course to pursue for the real interest of our town.

We do not know anything about the probable cost of a plant, its cost of operation, or its probable revenue; and lastly a very important fact, its effect upon our tax rate, we are in the dark upon these points, and we cannot vote intelligently upon this matter unless we get some light on the subject.

It seems to me that some one who is informed, should make known through the press, what they know or think, pro and con, in order to give some basis on which to govern our vote. This is a very important matter to all of us; we all want good lights, and at as low rates as possible, and we want electric light; but we do not want to put a load upon our town that will be burdensome to all.

Let us have a thorough exposition of the question at issue, and then when the vote is taken let the minority forever after hold their peace.

Respectfully, CITIZEN.

"Pride Goeth Before a Fall." Our pavements and streets have been so slippery during this week, that many persons have found it difficult to preserve a perfect equilibrium, hence there have been a number of falls. But no matter how badly a person is hurt, unless they are old or infirm, if there were no witnesses to the act it could easily be endured, but if there any spectators when your 150 pounds of avoid-avoid comes down solidly upon the icy pavement, pride is always the most injured party, for there is nothing more humiliating to one's amour propre than an ignominious fall upon the street, with the knowledge that some one was looking. Even the surest footed are sometimes taken unawares, and it is never safe to feel too sure of your ground, especially when it is covered with ice.

Moody and Sankey. The revival meetings to be conducted by Moody and Sankey, will begin in the rink at Wilmington, tomorrow. A choir of 400 voices has been in training, and will be a great help and inspiration in the evangelistic work. The meetings will continue for two weeks, and there are many from this community who will take advantage of the opportunity of hearing these men whose fame as Christian workers is world-wide. During their stay in Wilmington the evangelists will stop at the Clayton House, where they will have a suite of rooms consisting of two bed chambers, parlor and bath room. Arrangements are being made to have a special car run to Wilmington to attend the meeting, and applications for tickets are coming in rapidly.

Funeral of Mr. Wilson. The funeral of Mr. Manlove D. Wilson, took place from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and was largely attended by both relatives and friends. Rev. N. M. Browne, of the M. E. Church, was the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. F. H. Moore.

The pall bearers were: John Drummond, John B. Roberts, W. H. Moore, G. E. Hukill, Thos. E. Hurn and Lewis Pennington. The interment was at the M. E. cemetery in this town.

Equalizing Taxes. The commissioners appointed by the last Legislature to consider the matter of Equalization of Taxation met in adjourned session at Dover, last week. All the members were present as follows: William M. Canby, Nathaniel Williams, John B. Pennington, E. H. Bancraft, H. A. Martin, and D. J. Layton. We presume they will soon report a bill on the subject to the Legislature that will become a law and thus settle the vexed question.

People's Bank Directors. At a meeting of stockholders of the People's National Bank on Saturday, the following directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Dr. J. V. Crawford, G. W. W. Naudin, George L. Townsend, J. Frank Ellison, George F. Brady, H. A. Nowland, E. A. Pool, F. C. Crutskank, G. M. D. Hart and R. T. Cann, Jr.

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TO OUR READERS

During the coming session of Conference, the TRANSCRIPT will issue an afternoon edition giving in detail the proceedings of that body. As space for advertising purposes will be limited applications should be made at once.

THE DELAWARE FROZEN OVER. Communication Between Port Penn and Reedy Island Over the Ice.

The thermometer has hovered about zero and below for a week past and the Delaware is frozen so that it is an easy matter to walk across to Reedy Island, a feat which a party of eight young gentlemen accomplished Tuesday afternoon, bringing reeds back as trophies. Skating on the river affords fine sport for the young folks of the town. The river has not been so full of ice since '78 when it was frozen in the same way. It is said that the same thing occurred in '66, which was another such a desperately cold winter as this has proved thus far.

SPELLING BEE.

One to be Given in the Interest of Forest Presbyterian Sunday School.

The old-fashioned spelling bee, which has recently been revived, is very popular this winter. A number have been held in many of the cities and smaller towns throughout the country, and the various organizations and institutions in whose interests they have been given have realized large profits. Middletown must not be behind the rest of the world, and having established a reputation for taking a part in all good things we are now to have a Spelling Bee. At some time in the near future one will be given in the interest of the Forest Presbyterian Sunday School, and for so worthy a cause all our good spellers will be willing and eager to enter the lists. Twenty persons will constitute a good class, and we are sure there will be no lack of willing spellers.

Enjoying Life.

To really enjoy life in such a nice old fashioned winter as we are having, you should own a coal mine, or have a pretty good pull on one, and whether you have furnace heaters, steam radiators, or numerous stoves, you must have a man with a barn shovel to throw on the coal, for everybody knows it takes fuel and plenty of it to even keep the stove warm, to say nothing of creature comfort. There are several other requirements which are necessary for true enjoyment. Among them is a full larder, a good cook and unimpaired digestion. With these, and a good supply of literature, books, magazines, and papers, and a few congenial friends, we know a man or two who could worry through even this phenomenal winter with a fair grace, but lacking several of the most important items, we will not attempt to prophesy what the state of affairs will be when the frogs begin their welcome spring song. As to ourselves we will do our best to keep the mercury and our spirits from getting too low.

Beware of Them.

The public is warned against investing any money in a guessing enterprise which purports to have its headquarters in Jersey City, N. J. It is a fraud of the worst kind. This concern publishes the American Fireside, the American Homestead, the American Household Journal and the American Cottage Home. These are part of the fraud and should be avoided. The worst feature about this fraud is that some of the officers of the city are in it, and there is no way of reaching the scoundrels by law. The safe course is to have nothing to do with anything that looks like a lottery.

BRIEFS.

Sleighting parties and straw rides are now all the go.

Two new Auctioneers in the field. Read their advertisements in this issue.

Our Chinese laundryman thinks more of his "dope" than he does of washing clothes clean.

Terrence Carvin, of Leipzig, has bought the Laurel House at Laurel for \$3,800, and will take possession February 1.

A certain young clerk slips in a cold room half the night learning to sew, and thinks of applying for a position in the shirt factory.

A. M. Chamberlaine, the druggist, claims to have the finest and best article ever used by ladies for cleaning kid gloves. It is not a liquid; is easily used, and works like a charm.

Farmers intending to dispose of their surplus stock and farming implements should not fail to bring their posters to the TRANSCRIPT office. We cannot be beaten in workmanship or prices.

A party of young ladies and gentlemen from town took advantage of the excellent sleighing last evening and drove to Smyrna and enjoyed a chicken and waffle supper before returning.

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did each of us know its strength. Eleven men on the organization of the House and the eleven men of the Senate. Who can doubt that had they known their strength previously that Senator Gray would not have had an unopposed nomination. Who knows but that the redoubtable organizer, and exceedingly popular Willard Saulsbury Jr., would have succeeded Mr. Gray, for just as sure as the night follows the day he is the coming man of Delaware Democracy. Keep your eye on Willard Saulsbury Jr.

FANNY KEMBLE.
Fanny Kemble, the well-known actress, died in London on Monday. She was a family of great actors and was a niece of Mrs. Siddons. Fifty years ago she was the reigning favorite on the stage, both in England and America. She married a gentleman of this country and became deeply interested in our social and national life. Her intellectual strength and her every womanly instinct were brought to bear against the institution of slavery, which to her was horrible in the extreme. Her husband was engaged in the traffic and an estrangement followed which ended in divorce. She was at one time a prominent figure in the social life of the nation, but she has for so long a time lived in retirement that her name is now little more than a memory. Her brilliant talent, her purity of life and her beautiful womanhood, will always be remembered as her greatest distinctions.

THANKS.
THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT has recently changed hands, and the new owner, one of the brightest and newest journals of the peninsula. It comes from its new home, in its first number of volume XXVI, "as neat as a new pin," showing, in its make-up, artistic skill, and in its editorial management, brain power, which insures success under its new management. We congratulate the people of Middletown upon being possessed of so much promise. We hope, however, that our young brothers will soon learn the error of their way politically and turn over another new leaf.—Greenboro Free Press

The Boston Globe gives the following rule, which if followed will lead to fortune:

"Early to bed, and early to rise,
Keeps the body healthy and wise."

The severity of the weather and its long continuance are causing much suffering among the poor, where food and clothing are scant, and shelter none the best. But large-hearted, open-handed charity is abroad in the land, seeking whom she can help, and though her resources are great, she too, stands in need of aid. The demands were never greater, and gifts from the benevolent were never more needed. The weather will go on record, and along with it will be recorded the gracious deeds of loving charity.

A coal famine, with the thermometer at zero, is a dire calamity indeed. But serious as it is, it threatens Philadelphia this week. Not that coal cannot be obtained from the mines, but on account of the freight blockade, the railroad company is unable to move the great mass of coal already on the road. The Philadelphia coal yards were about empty on Saturday, but there had been coal enough shipped to fill them all, if it could be reached. The demand for coal has been unusually great of late, and within a few days hundreds of dispatches from the various industrial concerns all over the country were sent to the Reading Coal Co., begging them to send coal, but on account of the lack of cars, they were unable to fill the orders. Middletown is almost in the same dilemma. Our coal yards are empty and no chance of getting any.

Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes, Ex-President of the United States, died at his home in Ohio, on Tuesday night, after a brief illness of neuralgia of the heart. As a soldier, statesman and a conscientious President, his record is unimpaired. His election by the Republican party in 1876, the subsequent decision of the electoral commission gave him prominence in our national history which made him odious in the eyes of his opponents, and never was calumny and scorn more plentifully heaped upon a man by the Democratic press, than was heaped upon him, and to this day he is referred to as "the man who, for four years, drew Mr. Tilden's salary." His administration was clean and prosperous, though not marked by any great events. He was greatly beloved by the people of Ohio, whom he served in public office as Governor for three terms, and as their representative in Congress. His private life was beyond reproach, and since the close of his administration in 1881, he has lived much in retirement. His manner was plain and unassuming, and his devotion to his home and his wife were strongly characteristic. The death of his wife, Lucy Webb, which occurred in 1889, was a great blow to him.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THEM.
The Saulsbury's did not attempt to show their hands in the Senatorial Caucus nomination. We can only wonder whether Senator Gray would have been nominated if the election were three months off, and the Saulsbury faction, knowing their strength, had seen fit to put one of their men in the race. It might have been otherwise. But the tactful understanding in the Democratic party during the campaign was in case of victory that Mr. Gray should be returned to the Senate. It was not known then how the Democratic members of the Legislature were bonded of fictional lies, and only until the contest came for the election of the respective offices.

CALENDAR FOR 1893.
The man who reads the almanac will find an immense amount of good reading in the Baltimore Sun edition for 1893. It gives a summary of the events of the year in a terse and reliable form, and much valuable data, State, National and Municipal. Every page, and there are nearly 150, contains some bit of interesting matter, and it is indeed an almanac worth having. Pretty calendars abound this year. Among the prettiest we have seen is one from Hood & Co., of Sarsaparilla fame. It is adorned with a beautifully tinted lithographic picture of two pretty children. "The Young Discoverers," who are rejoicing over finding Hood's Sarsaparilla on the map of the world. The phases of the moon and the astronomical events of the year accompany the calendar. The Philadelphia Times, as usual sends its annual compliments to its readers with the Times Almanac, which is worth more than a casual reading. It contains an account of the workings of the various departments of the city of Philadelphia. A summary of the late election, and many matters pertaining to the national growth, besides various mentions of events by the year among other nations. Household and health hints are also to be found interspersed with the many other matters of interest.

The Philadelphia Record Almanac for '93 is one of the fullest of the season. The Columbia Exposition as the great event of the year, comes in for a liberal mention. The frontispiece is a picture of Columbus, and there are also pictures of the various exposition buildings at Chicago. The sporting events of the past year are specially mentioned with a photo of Nancy Hanks, Morella, Jim Corbett and other celebrities. In short if you want the news of the year in brief, read the Almanac.

THE RAILROAD MUDDLE.

THE PRESIDENT MAY ISSUE A PROCLAMATION.

Withdrawing Certain Privileges From the Canadian Pacific Railroad Without Consulting Congress—To Investigate the Whiskey Trust. That Tammany "Quarrel" with Hill—Forcing an Extra Session—Cleveland's Latest Political Policy.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 19, 1893. The President has almost, but not quite, made up his mind that he possesses the authority, without further Congressional legislation, to withdraw the privileges now enjoyed by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The matter has been discussed at several Cabinet meetings, and if the President finally concludes that Congressional action is unnecessary he will make no recommendation in his message which he will send to Congress with the information concerning this matter, which has been gathered by the Executive Department of the government, but will at about the same time issue an order—possibly a proclamation—withdrawal certain privileges, among them the carrying of imported merchandise through the United States under consular seals, which put a large sum of money in the pockets of the Canadian Pacific Railroad people, while out of any corresponding benefit to this country or its citizens.

Representative Burrows, of Michigan, thinks there is something in the charges which have from time to time been made against the whiskey trust, of defrauding the government out of large sums of money by the use of poisonous drugs as adulterants, and of violating the laws in other ways, and he has introduced a resolution in the House providing for an investigation of the charges by a special committee of five; the same committee is also to ascertain and report the names of all persons connected with the trust. It is believed that if this resolution be adopted and the investigation be thoroughly made, it will uncover a great scandal, involving many men of prominence, not only in public but also in private life, including more than one man of high scientific attainments.

Many members of Congress are kicking themselves for having been so glib as to swallow that silly story about Senator Hill and Boss Croker having quarreled; and Murphy, Croker and Tammany having decided to desert Hill and cast their lot with Cleveland. Truly it was a story for the political parlor, and was undoubtedly given out with the full consent of Hill and Croker. The object aimed at was in plain view of those with eyes peering enough to see through the hazy veil of mist which usually surrounds the political movements of the Democrats named. Having had his own way in the nomination of a United States Senator, greatly to the humiliation of one, Grover Cleveland, who, it should not be forgotten, will soon have the distribution of many offices, Tammany concluded that it would be a grand idea to pretend that it had quarreled with Hill, the maker of Murphy. It would soothe the wounded dignity of Mr. Cleveland, and probably prevent a repudiating certain anti-election promises made by Tammany, and would not hurt either Hill or Tammany. It may be set down as certain that whenever Hill comes to make a fight of any kind against Mr. Cleveland, in the U. S. Senate, the vote of Murphy will be at his disposal.

The slowness with which the regular Appropriation bills are being reported to the House makes many believe that Chairman Holman of the House Appropriation Committee, was in error when he said the other day that unless certain legislation—presumably the free coinage of silver—was passed at this session he would feel justified in forcing an early extra session of the next Congress by causing the failure of some of the Appropriation bills. It would, however, be a very dangerous precedent for a chairman of the House committee on Appropriations to delay Appropriation bills to force an extra session.

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The unanimous election of Matthew Quay to the United States Senate on last Tuesday, by the Republicans of Pennsylvania is a just tribute to his worth as a statesman and politician. Everything that could be done to defeat him, had been done, and his final election with scarce a ripple of opposition is cause for rejoicing among his friends.

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